

# THE SIREN



Commodore  
Kiki Rohr

## Commodore's Log

You've no doubt heard the phrase, "It takes a village." Originally coined in the context of raising children, I believe the phrase equally applies to all the elements that go into making our club the warm, welcoming, vibrant, and successful organization that it is. We have an outstanding, committed board of directors; our management and staff are smart, professional, and caring; and our members are the "secret sauce" that makes VBYC the very special place it is.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank PC Bob Jones, the VBYC board of directors, and our great staff for so ably steering our ship through sometimes-choppy waters this past year and preparing the way for me to step in. I have huge shoes to fill (and I don't mean that just literally; nor do I take it lightly).

But we're off and running, and 2022 promises to be a year of exciting projects and fun activities. Please join me in welcoming our bridge and board of directors for 2022:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Vice Commodore Judy Peschio   | Director Jim DeSimone   |
| Rear Commodore Sean Kashawlic | Director Pam Young      |
| Secretary Kathy Kinasewitz    | Director John Piecuch   |
| Treasurer Jane Booth          | Director Peter Saxon    |
| Director Karen Donofrio       | Director Gordon Sellers |

In February, VBYC's standing committees will start their 2022 meeting calendars. Visitors at committee and board of directors' meetings are welcome, so please check the Siren and see what interests you.

As you probably know, we will be hosting the FCYC meeting in September. Originally scheduled for July, the meeting was moved back to give us ample time to deal with any delays that may arise during construction of the new south patio and bar. As I write this, we are anticipating construction on the seawall to begin in several weeks, and we are ready to rock and roll!

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## COMMODORE'S LOG, *continued*

Shawn is keeping a vigilant eye on the track of the Omicron COVID variant. The landscape is constantly changing, but so far (and hopefully going forward) we are weathering the storm. Of course, you must use your own best judgment for yourself and your family, and we are hopeful that with continued good management we will be able to see this through and emerge unscathed on the other side.

One last housekeeping item: starting in February, guests will again be able to pay by credit card. There will be a 4% administrative fee, but we are happy to be able to offer this convenience to our members' guests. Please see page 3 for additional details.

My very best wishes to you all as we enter an exciting season!

Cheers,  
Kiki

### VBYC MEETING SCHEDULE



All members are welcome to attend committee and board meetings as a guest.

The board of directors meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

The committee schedule is below. Please check the website for additional information.

COMMITTEE	DAY / TIME	CHAIR	CONTACT INFO
House and Grounds	Second Tuesday 9:30 a.m.	Judy Peschio	<a href="mailto:JAPeschio@gmail.com">JAPeschio@gmail.com</a>
Finance (Insurance)	Email chair for schedule information	Jane Booth	<a href="mailto:janedbooth@gmail.com">janedbooth@gmail.com</a>
Audit and Inventory	Email chair for schedule information	Sam Nerses	<a href="mailto:samnurses@gmail.com">samnurses@gmail.com</a>
Information Technology	Email chair for schedule information	Gordon Sellers	<a href="mailto:gordonsellers@gmail.com">gordonsellers@gmail.com</a>
Membership	Second Tuesday 4:30 p.m.	Sean Kashawlic	<a href="mailto:skashawlic@comcast.net">skashawlic@comcast.net</a>
Publicity and Publications	Second Wednesday 10 a.m.	Karen Donofrio	<a href="mailto:karendonofrio@comcast.net">karendonofrio@comcast.net</a>
Planning	Second Tuesday 9:30 a.m.	Jim DeSimone	<a href="mailto:jcskdesimone@gmail.com">jcskdesimone@gmail.com</a>
Nominating	As outlined in the Bylaws	Bob Jones	<a href="mailto:robertmeadejones@gmail.com">robertmeadejones@gmail.com</a>
Fleet	First Tuesday 4:30 p.m.	Lee Bowden	<a href="mailto:Bowds21555@gmail.com">Bowds21555@gmail.com</a>
Human Resources	Email chair for schedule information	Peter Saxon	<a href="mailto:petersaxon741@gmail.com">petersaxon741@gmail.com</a>
Shipmates	Second Friday 11 a.m.	Mary Wohlstein	<a href="mailto:m_wohlstein@yahoo.com">m_wohlstein@yahoo.com</a>

## MANAGER'S CORNER



Goood Day Everyone!

It's been a while since I did a "Manager's Corner" article, but I wanted to take this opportunity to thank PC Bob Jones and his board of directors for their support and great work in accomplishing many action items and laying the groundwork for some very exciting future projects. I'm very much looking forward to working with Commodore Rohr and her board of directors this year as we collectively work at constantly improving your member experience here at VBYC.

This past year many of you have expressed some dissatisfaction over your guests not being able to pay for their own food and beverage charges. As a result, effective February, member guests will have the option to pay with a credit card. Be advised that there will be an automatic 4% "convenience/administrative fee" added directly to the guest's bill. Credit card payment is only available for member guests. Shawn Witmer

## FRIENDS' TABLE



### Member Musings

I have belonged to VBYC since November, 2014. When people ask what kind of boat I have, I explain that the club only has 24 slips but 650 members, most without boats. VBYC is more than a yacht club. It's a social club with many activities for all. From Shipmates, kayak trips, raft-ups, Spoil Island clean-ups and fleet roundups to dances, trivia nights, social mixers, the book club, Mahjong and bridge, 9 and dine golf and pickle ball, the club has something for everyone.

COVID restrictions added a lot of burdens to our lives. But in late 2020, members were getting vaccinated and starting to get out a bit. Some would call the club and make a reservation for one. They ate alone and were still isolated. To address this problem, the "Singles Table," later renamed the "Friends Table," evolved. This is a large table (or two) hosting a variety of members. Weekly emails provide information on upcoming activities.

There are dozens of restaurants in Vero Beach. You may walk into one and see a friend. But when you walk into our club, and especially when you come to the Friends' Table, it's a much more fulfilling experience. It's like the song from the TV show "Cheers"...

*Cheers!*

"Sometimes you want to go  
Where everybody knows your name  
And they're always glad you came ..."

At the Cclub I have gained many great friends because I reached out and was so warmly received. That's what VBYC means to me.

Dan McElroy

Editor's Note: if you want more information about the Friends' Table, please contact Paula MacDonald,  
[paula.macdonald@aol.com](mailto:paula.macdonald@aol.com).



## SHIPMATES



Special thanks go out to our past commodore Bob Jones for his support of the Shipmates and their activities during 2021.

2022 is off to a slow start, as we had to cancel the January Shipmates meeting. Dr Deepti Sadhwani has rescheduled and will be speaking to the Shipmates Friday, May 13.

February 12 is the date for the Valentine's Dinner Dance. Specifics of the party are featured on page 9.

Kiki Rohr, our new commodore, will speak at the March 11 Shipmates meeting and share with us her vision for the VBYC in 2022.

### **FLASH: Valerie Watkins and her mother, Suzy, are coming to speak to the Shipmates!**

For those of you who do not subscribe to the weekly online Vero Beach FLASH Newsletter, the editor is Valerie Watkins; her mother, Suzy, writes the sweet and funny weekly column, Over the Hill. Valerie has featured the Shipmates community outreach efforts several times in the past year. Date TBD.

Thank you to all VBYC members for their support to the Food Pantry Drive and the Teddy Bear Drive! Without you, these drives would not have been the success they were. Two bags of Teddy Bears were delivered to Toys for Tots in December and the remaining three bags were delivered to the Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital Emergency Room in January.

I hope 2022 is being kind to you and your families, and that you will join us for the next Shipmates meeting on February 11 at 11 a.m. Bring a friend - the more the merrier!

Mary



## MEET OUR MEMBER ARTISTS

Art is enthralling, enchanting, and engrossing. And you can come to your Club to view the creative works of talented Club members at two exhibitions this season. This will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase our member visual artists, so please join us as we paint the Vero Beach Yacht Club with their colorful works.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

The first exhibit is on Friday and Saturday, February 25 and 26, 5 – 8 p.m., and on Sunday, February 27, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Due to the large number of exhibitors, a second show will be held Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19, 5 – 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 20, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Many of the artists' works will be available for purchase. Please connect directly with the artist if you are interested.

## CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'



**FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

Britt Richards was a student at University of California, Davis Campus, while Ross Cobb, a second-generation winemaker from the Central Coast, was teaching there. After meeting Cobb, one of the best Pinot Noir producers in California, Richards was able to land a much-coveted position as an extern with Cobb Winery. Following this collaboration, Cobb returned full time to his family winery in Sonoma, while Richards continued to explore different styles



and varietals at several Napa vineyards and finally settled at Head High Wines while consulting at Wine Access.

*Save  
the  
Date*

Now, VBYC will bring these two wine aficionados back together, not physically, but through their wines. Our California Dreamin' dinner will feature wines from both these great wine makers. Mark February 23 on your calendar and join us as Chef Rodney prepares a special menu to accompany these wonderful wines. Please check page 10 for details.

**Ross Cobb selections will include:**

- 2019 Cole Ranch Riesling
- 2018 H. Klopp Vineyard Chardonnay
- 2018 Doc's Ranch, Swan and Calera Selection, Pinot Noir

**Britt Richards selections will be:**

- 2018 Star Treatment Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2019 Moundsman Cabernet Sauvignon

## 2021 VBYC BUCKS WINNERS

It's a Tuesday night tradition – the big bowl of names is stirred and shaken (sometimes even prayed over).

Then, a member or guest digs deep and pulls out a name. Is it yours? Did you win? Join fellow club members every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and maybe, just maybe, you will be the lucky winner!



### 2021 WINNERS

- |                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| March 2-Herb Heim - \$400.00       | August 31-Jim Stanley - \$400.00   |
| April 13- Helen Dodds - \$300.00   | Sept. 14- Jack Russell - \$ 100.00 |
| May 11-June Bercaw - \$200.00      | October 26-Beverly Ford - \$300.00 |
| June 1- Mickey Donofrio - \$150.00 | Nov. 9- Jack McDonnell - \$100.00  |

## FLEET TRIP

### Ring In the New Year!

Four VBYC boats cruised to Eau Gallie YC to celebrate the start of the New Year. Fleet Capt. Lee Bowden and Stuart were joined by Jim Stanley; Ray Neville, his daughter Cat and Regina Moran; John Bacon and Connie Dominianni; and Mike and Judy Wisnewski (who came by car).

The EGYC commodore, who lives next door, provided a massive, professionally executed fireworks show to ring in the New Year. Since the launch site was only a couple hundred yards from the VBYC boats, our intrepid voyagers awoke on January 1 to find the boats were covered in orange fireworks soot. But it washed off easily; and the fireworks show followed by a day lounging around the EGYC pool were well worth the work.

On Sunday the voyagers awoke to the pleasant surprise of all you-can-drink Bloody Marys for a fixed price, making their first financial decision of 2022 a good (and easy) one.



Stay tuned for more adventures throughout the year! Members can join the trips on their boats, on other members' boats, or by car. Due to the limited dock space at some FCYC Clubs, the number of boats allowed can be limited, but those who wish may travel by car and stay in local hotel rooms – no limits there. Any member interested in more information should email Fleet Captain Lee Bowden at: [Bowds21555@gmail.com](mailto:Bowds21555@gmail.com).

## FRIENDSHIP II

COMING  
SOON

DON'T MISS OUT!

### Prepurchase Days for FRIENDSHIP II Ends March 31.

The club is planning to purchase a newer pontoon boat to better meet the needs of our membership. The newer pontoon boat will have the capacity for ten adults and be capable of making it to either inlet in less than an hour. The prepurchase cost of a one-day rental is \$100 or twelve days for \$1,000 (plus gas). The regular rental fee will be \$150 a day (plus gas). Days purchased will appear on the April club statement. For additional information, please contact the office.



## ATTENTION NON-BOAT OWNERS!!



### ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER PONTOON BOAT TOUR OF PELICAN ISLAND

**Sunday February 27**

Boarding: 12:45 p.m. / Return: 3:00 p.m.

255 Live Oak Drive Vero Beach

Located on the western base of the Wabasso Bridge off the 510 Causeway

Cost: \$35 plus tax charged to your club account

This is a members-only cruise that winds its way by Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge and mangrove islands. Sit back and relax as you glide over seagrass beds and search for birds, manatees, and dolphins. The ELC naturalist guide provides the perfect amount of educational commentary for you to learn more about our unique Indian River Lagoon.

The ELC boat "Discover" is accessible to all with room for one wheelchair but no restroom facilities. Small coolers for food and beverages of choice are welcome. Plan ahead, there are only 16 spaces available! Reservations are required by February 14, to Kim at [VBYC@verobeachyachtclub.com](mailto:VBYC@verobeachyachtclub.com).

## ON THE WATERFRONT

### SUNSET CRUISE

**Thursday, February 10 at 4:30 p.m.**

Fill your boat with friends and enjoy a beautiful cruise at your own pace before sunset at 6:09 p.m. followed by dinner at the club. Attention non-boat owners: after Tuesday's February 8 Bucks Drawing, there will be special drawings for free rides on "Friendship" for this event (you must be present to win). Contact Dave Malek at [Soleprovider67@aol.com](mailto:Soleprovider67@aol.com).



### PADDLE GROUP — TEN MILE CREEK

**Saturday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m.**

No, we will not kayak 20 miles roundtrip, or even 10 miles! What we will do is kayak along a portion of this beautiful stretch of the north fork of the Saint Lucie River in Fort Pierce. Contact Toby Jarman at [jotoby@moonriveriii.com](mailto:jotoby@moonriveriii.com) if you plan to attend. For kayak rentals, email Maddy of Adventure Kayaking at [madelynrussell12@gmail.com](mailto:madelynrussell12@gmail.com).

### LUNCH CRUISE TO CAPTAIN HIRAMS RESTAURANT

**Sunday, February 20 at 12:00 p.m.**

Invite fellow club members and cruise north at your own pace to arrive in Sebastian at noon, then look for the private channel markers to the restaurant north of ICW red marker #66. Put your boat on the north transient dock. Ask the hostess for a table near a bunch of VBYC boaters having fun! Contact Toby Jarman at [jotoby@moonriveriii.com](mailto:jotoby@moonriveriii.com) for more information.



# PHOTO ALBUM



Check the photo album on the VBYC website for more photos. <https://verbeachyachtclub.com/photos>

CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT  
BRUNO MARS TRIBUTE BAND

The band is stacked with world-class musicians from Los Angeles delivering a show certain to impress you with a unbeatable Tribute experience.



VBYC MEMBER  
ART SHOW

February 25, 26, & 27

GRAND OPENING  
Friday - 5:00 p.m.

GALLERY HOURS  
Friday & Saturday  
5:00-9:00 p.m.  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Art display in the  
Commodore Room

SHIPMATES

PRESENT

*Valentine's*

DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Reservations Available from - 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

\$50.00++

MENU

Butlered Hors d'oeuvres

Roasted Beet Salad

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE

Sliced Beef Tenderloin

U8 Prawns

Chilean Sea Bass

DESSERT

Chocolate Mousse

MUSIC BY STEVE DALEY

# California Dreamin'

## WINE PAIRING DINNER

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:00 p.m. GREET                      DINNER & WINE - \$100.00++  
 6:30 p.m. DINNER                      DINNER ONLY - \$70.00++

**MENU**

CANAPES

SCALLOP TARTARE  
 Green Apple Horseradish Vinaigrette, Paddlefish Caviar

CHORIZO CRUSTED BLACK COD  
 Dungeness Crab Ginger Salad, Marrow Beans, Citrus Butter

ANDERSON RANCH PRIME RIB OF LAMB  
 Wild Mushroom, Shank and Goat Cheese Stuffed Popover  
 Rosemary Jus

BLACK FORREST TART  
 Cream Cheese Ice Cream



# SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 13 - 5:00 p.m.  
 Tailgate Buffet - 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
 \$20.00++



## Pasta / Trivia

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24




PASTA STATION @ 5:30 p.m.  
 TRIVIA BEGINS @ 7:30 p.m.

LIMITED DINNER MENU

# DJ DANCE

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Music 7:00-10:00 p.m.  
 Happy Hour Menu 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
 Regular Dinner 5:30-8:30 p.m.

*just*  
**dance**



## MEMBER MIXER

Wednesday, February 2 - 5:00-6:00 p.m.



COMPLIMENTARY HORS D'OEUVRES



*Seafood*  
**EXTRAVAGANZA**

**Wednesday, February 16**  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**\$65.00++**



**Saturday Night Bands**

*February 5 - Johnny Nick*

*February 12 - Steve Daley*  
*Valentines Dinner Dance*

*February 19 - Beachside Trio*

*February 26 - Sunnie & Kurtis*




**Sandridge Golf Course**

The golf group will be teeing off Fridays  
February 4 and 18  
Tee times start at 1:57 p.m.

For more information contact Ginny Husted at  
virginia.husted@gmail.com.

If you plan to have dinner or cocktails at the club,  
you must have a reservation.



**Live music**

**ON THE PATIO**

**Wednesday**  
**February 2, 9, 16**  
**6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

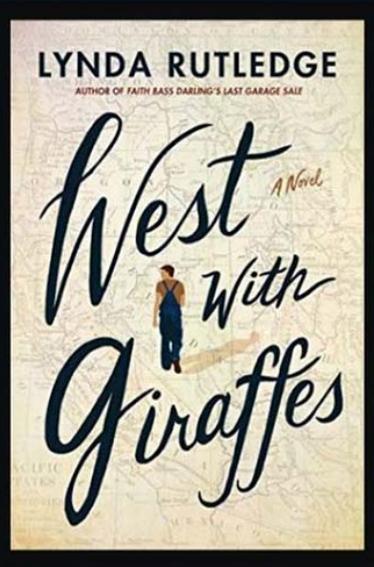
**DAVE BIALOS**

**BOOK CLUB**

**West with Giraffes**  
by Lynda Rutledge  
Wednesday, February 23, 4:00 p.m.

**“Few true friends have I known and two were giraffes...”**

Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.



**Be sure to ask for a free libation during your birthday**

**Reservations Required ~ 772-231-2211**

Lunch: Wednesday through Friday: 11:00 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Buffet Brunch: 10:00 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday Night on the Patio: Music: 6:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.  
 Dinner: Tuesday Through Saturday: 5:30 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.  
 Saturday: Jackets optional in main dining room  
 Saturday: Music: 6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m. (main dining room)

# FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>BRIDGE</b> VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	2 Lunch <b>MEMBER MIXER</b> Music on the Patio Dinner	3 Lunch <b>MAHJONG</b> <b>BLUE GAVEL</b> Dinner	4 Lunch <b>BRIDGE</b> <b>9&amp;DINE</b> Happy Hour Dinner <b>DJ PARTY</b>	5  <b>Johnny Nick</b> Dinner
6 Pickleball Brunch	7 Club Closed	8 <b>BRIDGE</b> VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	9 Lunch  Music on the Patio Dinner	10 Lunch <b>MAHJONG</b>  Sunset Cruise Dinner	11 Lunch <b>BRIDGE</b> <b>SHIPMATES</b> Happy Hour Dinner	12  <b>Steve Daley</b> <i>Valentine's Day</i>  DINNER
13 Pickleball Brunch  <b>SUPER BOWL</b>	14 Club Closed	15 <b>BRIDGE</b> VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	16 Lunch  Music on the Patio <b>Seafood EXTRAVAGANZA</b>	17 Lunch <b>MAHJONG</b> <b>CONCERT IN THE PARK (ING LOT)</b> Limited Dinner Menu	18 Lunch <b>BRIDGE</b> <b>9&amp;DINE</b> Happy Hour Dinner	19  <i>Paddle Group</i>  <b>Beachside Trio</b> Dinner
20 Pickleball Brunch  Lunch Cruise	21 Club Closed	22 <b>BRIDGE</b> VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	23 Lunch <b>B Club</b> <b>WINE PAIRING DINNER</b>	24 Lunch <b>MAHJONG</b> Beach Up <b>PASTA Trivia night</b>	25 Lunch <b>BRIDGE</b> <b>art show</b> Happy Hour Dinner	26  <b>art show</b> <b>Sunnie &amp; Kurtis</b> Dinner

**MARCH HIGHLIGHTS**

Comodore's Ball ~ Saturday, March 5  
 Concert in the Parking Lot ~ (Doobie Bros Tribute) ~ Thursday, March 10  
 St. Patrick's Day Party ~ Thursday, March 17  
 VBYC Member Art Show ~ Friday, Saturday, Sunday ~ March 18, 19, 20  
 Seafood Extravaganza ~ Wednesday, March 23  
 Pasta Trivia ~ Thursday, March 31